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A concise explanation of the relevance of item AA and AB is in the form of a copy of a "European Search Report" dated May 21, 2003, issued over the corresponding European Patent Application, that was mailed from a foreign patent office and issued in a counterpart foreign application, which refers to the reference. The "European Search Report" dated May 21, 2003 is listed as item AC and a copy is included herewith.

It is requested that the information provided herein be made of record in this application.

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